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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Saint Stephen's German Evangelical Lutheran Church

AND/OR COMMON

Saints Stephen's and James' Lutheran Church

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

938 Hanover Street

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

— DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

— STRUCTURE

— SITE

— OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

— PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

— BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

— IN PROCESS

— BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

— UNOCCUPIED

— WORK IN PROGRESS

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

— YES: UNRESTRICTED

— NO

PRESENT USE

— AGRICULTURE

— COMMERCIAL

— EDUCATIONAL

— ENTERTAINMENT

— GOVERNMENT

— INDUSTRIAL

— MILITARY

— MUSEUM

— PARK

— PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☒ RELIGIOUS

— SCIENTIFIC

— TRANSPORTATION

— OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

City of Baltimore Neighborhood Survey

DATE

1976

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY ☒ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Commission for Hist. & Arch. Pres.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church stands at the northwest corner of Hanover and Hamburg Streets. This late Victorian Gothic church is built of salmon colored brick resting on a granite base, and trimmed with white marble. It is asymmetrical in plan with a prominent south transept with an entrance in its facade. The high bell tower is positioned to the south of the nave, which fronts on Hanover Street, and has an entrance on the southern, Hamburg Street side. It is set so that its eastern side projects slightly beyond the nave facade. A minor tower set north of the nave is set flush with the nave facade.

The facade of the high gable, three bay wide, nave is an essay in the use and placement of the lancet arch for windows, portal and detail. The richly patterned surface of the facade combines the use of these arches with thin outlining with brick and marble. The central lancet arched portal is reached by a double flight of granite steps leading from either side of the portal. Two segmental arched basement window openings are symmetrically positioned on the face of the smooth granite ashlar landing. Double wooden doors fill the wide opening to the spring point of the arch; above, simple lancet tracery enlivens the stained glass filled tympanum. Above the entrance a pointed arch of marble with straight sides picks out the entrance as if it were the roofline of a flattened porch.

A shallow recession of the facade is picked up above the portal, stopping below peak of the roof in a lancet arch. Within the recession above a string course of marble a row of five blind lancet arches is picked out in brick. A rose window set in a circle of mousetooth brick molding is set in the center of the recession above these.

The side bays have two stained glass windows each, one at entrance level, and one above the string course which stretches across the broken facade above. These have marble sills, are lancet arched with lancet tracery, and have surrounds of a single string of molded brick. The surrounds of the top windows run continuously across the facade around the central, lancet arched recession.

The gabled roofline is picked out with rows of corbelled brick, and with a single row of Greek crosses laid as hollows beneath the cornice. At the peak of the roof, a pyramid of pedimental forms is supported on a single colonnette suspended from the peak, with a ball pendant hanging below. A metal finial rises from the crown of the pyramid.

The square bell tower at the south east corner is supported at its corners by pairs of three tiered, marble-capped brick buttresses. It is capped with a slate shingled, octagonal high pointed roof, surmounted by a metal crucifix. The eastern face of the tower is enlivened by a pair of staggered lancet windows at the ground level, with marble sills and brick surrounds, which light the interior stairway. A small rectangular window is set above the lower window. Above the string course are set two similarly detailed lancet windows. Above the spandrel of these, a triangular window with rounded sides is set above a curved marble sill. The belfry is picked out with a large lancet arched window set above a marble string course, set in a wide, mouse-toothed brick surround. The arched opening is filled with tiers

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1884

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

William F. Weber

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

One of the best maintained late Victorian Gothic churches in Baltimore, St. Stephen's was designed by William F. Weber. Weber was apparently one of Baltimore's most prolific, but as yet unstudied, late nineteenth-century architects. Among his works are the Crisp Memorial Church in Brooklyn, Baltimore, and numerous residential structures in Bolton Hill, Mount Royal Terrace/Reservoir Hill, and on Eutaw Place.

The present structure was erected on the site of the original church which was built in 1850. Organized in that year, the congregation moved from Light Street, between West and Ostend, to this location in 1852. Nearly the oldest continuously active congregation in South Baltimore, their building is a splendid landmark on the neighborhood skyline, and one of the most impressive examples of late nineteenth century ecclesiastical design executed in brick.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Bill Pencek, Planning Assistant

ORGANIZATION

Commission for Hist. & Arch. Pres.

DATE

1976

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Baltimore

STATE

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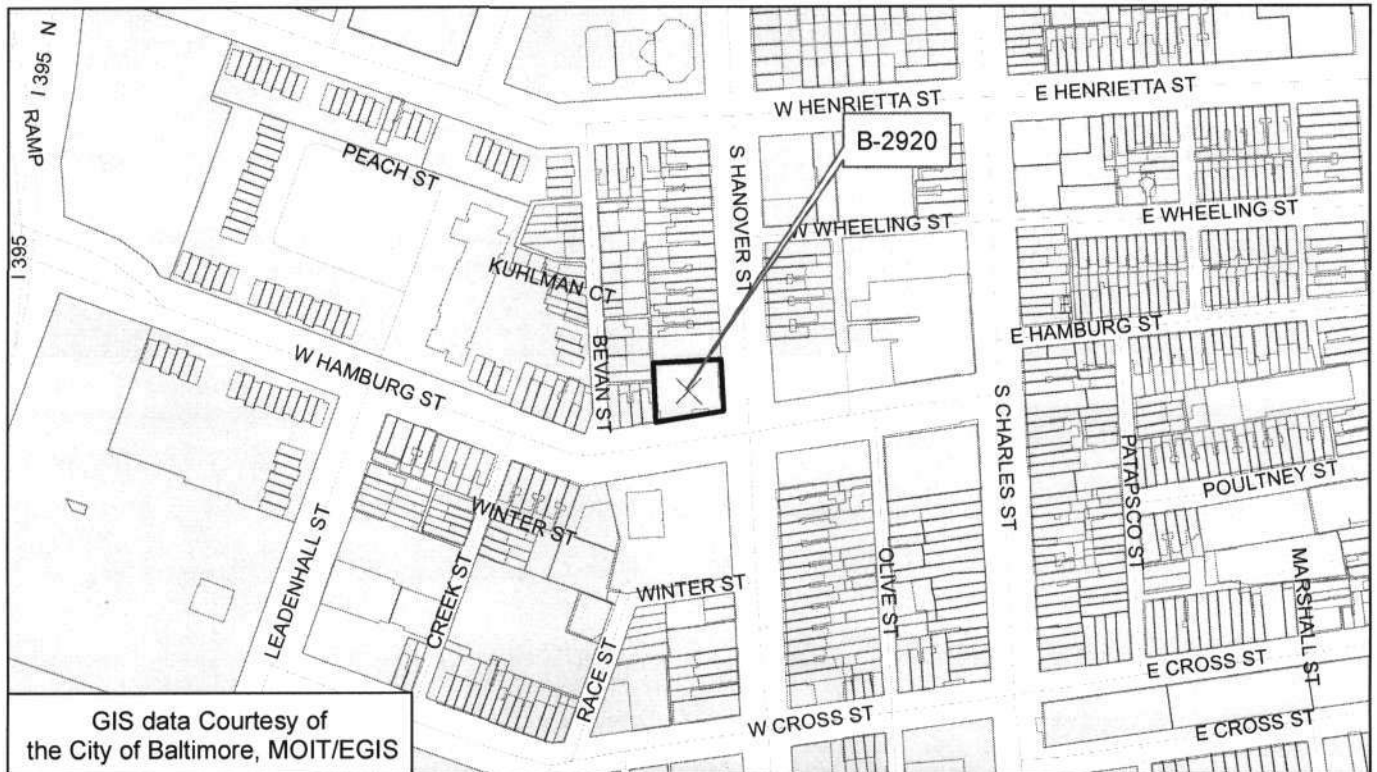
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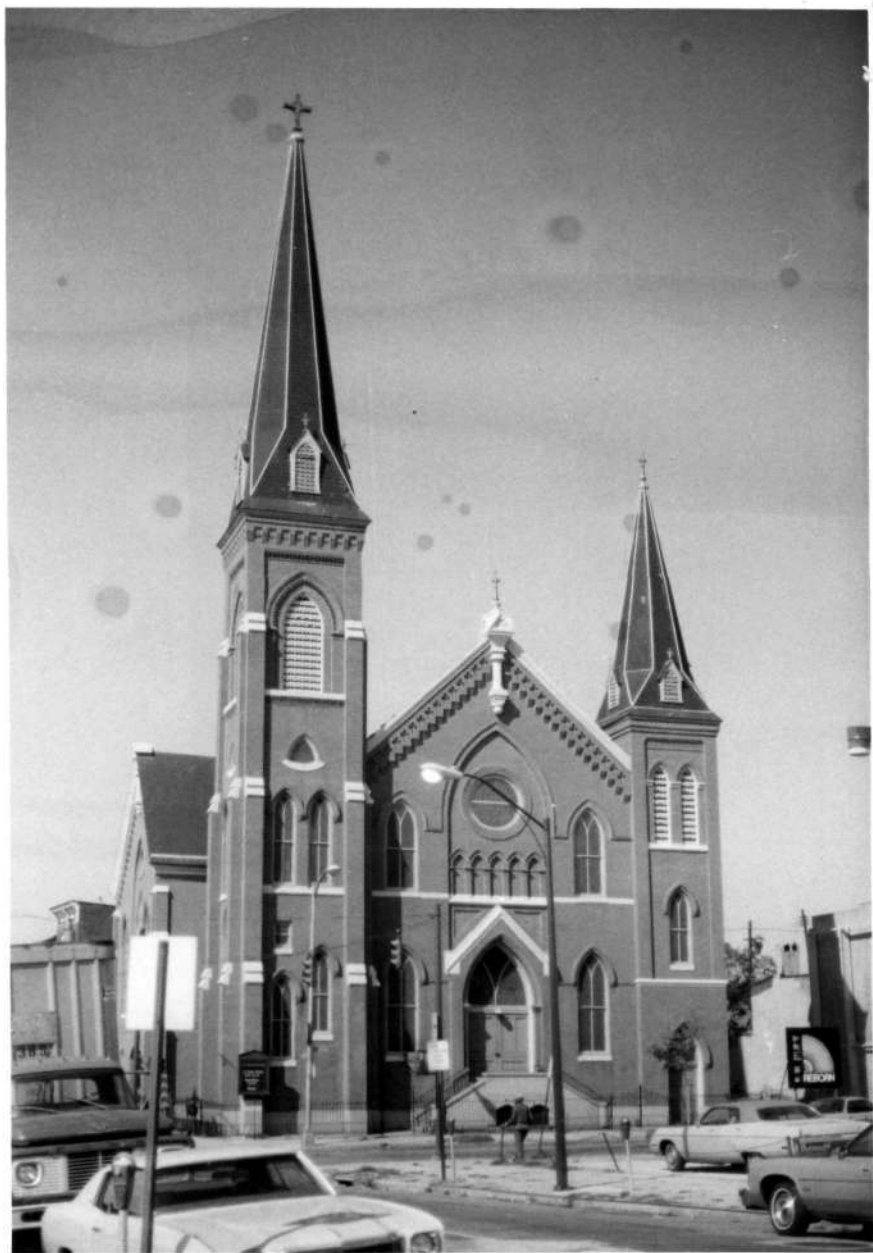
of lacy wooden jigsaw work. The southern side of the tower is similarly detailed except for the lancet arched entrance at ground level. The roofline of the tower is detailed with brick corbelling. Above a short kick in the four sided roof it breaks into eight sides. Gabled roof dormers with jigsaw filled, lancet arched openings are set in each of the four tower sides.

The minor tower has no buttressing. Vertically divided into thirds, the ground level has an entrance on the eastern facade. Above this is a string course of marble, above which is a single window. Above a long marble sill marking the top third are two windows filled with tiers of the wooden jigsaw work. The roof is a scaled down version of that of the bell tower, topped with a metal finial.

The three bay wide gable roofed southern transept extends from the western end of the six bay deep nave, intersecting the nave just below its peak. The ground level of the transept facade, like the two exposed bays of the side of the nave, is treated with segmental arched openings. Upper windows are lancet arched, treated like those of the front. The central window of the transept has lancet tracery with a round window set in the spandrel. Above it a round window is set in a triangular, round sided recession. The roofline is gabled and a colonnette set at the peak. The corners of the transept and the side of the nave have three tiered brick and marble buttresses. Triangular, ventilating roof dormers are set on the roof of the nave above the two exposed bays.

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